Rail Line between Khurdha Road and Bolangir

2305. SHRI BHAGBAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the construction of a rail line between Khurdha Road and Bolangir in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is going to be implemented;

(c) whether the project would be taken up during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The work is sanctioned. Final location survey is in progress and the report is expected by 31-03-1999. Once the survey is completed, land acquisition plans and papers will be submitted to the State Government and once the land becomes available, the actual work will be taken up.

Railway infrastructural facilities in Orissa

2306. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor Railway infrastructural facilities in Orissa;

(b) whether Government propose to develop infrastructural facilities at different railway stations in that State; and

(c) if so, the details of programmes drawn up for the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Railway infrastructural facilities are created to suit the smooth and efficient movement of traffic based on requirements in an overall perspective. Adequate infrastructural facilities are provided at the time of commissioning of a new line. However, with the passage of time, facilities are required to be augmented commensurate with the traffic demands. Accordingly works of New Line Angul—Sukinda Road, Conversion of Nawapada-Gunupur, Doubling Titlagarh-Lanjigarh, Doubling Rahama-Paradip, Talcher yard re-modelling, Jharsuguda yard remodelling, Crossing stations between Goraknath-Rahama on Cuttack-Paradip Section have been taken up during 1997-98 and 1998-99. More works as considered necessary will be taken up during the remaining years of IXth Plan, subject to availability of funds.

Supply of sub-standard mineral water by the Railways

2307. SHRI SHIBU SOREN:
SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to an internal official report, a substantial percentage of bottled mineral water supplied on Railway premises and on board the trains is unfit for consumption;

(b) if so, the details of the internal report;

(c) whether it is also a fact that adulterations are rampant on the Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains;

(d) if so, the details of action taken/ being taken in this context; and